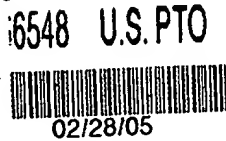


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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

The patent owner, the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, requests that the time for response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2005, be extended for two months, from March 5, 2005 to May 5, 2005. There is good and sufficient cause for this extension, based on the following:

1. The patent that is being reexamined is in litigation, and the relatively complex Office Action, the prior art, the issues and the response have to be reviewed by a number of different people;

2. The Office Action is relatively complex and needs substantial analysis and work to provide a proper response;

3. In addition to handling regular patent application preparation and prosecution, George Gerstman, who is the attorney of record in this reexamination, is presently lead counsel in three active interferences before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: Interference Nos. 105,222; 105,223 and 105,230;

4. Mr. Gerstman is presently lead counsel in an active litigation in the Southern District of Florida;

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5. Mr. Gerstman plans to have a personal interview with the Examiner handling this reexamination at the PTO; and

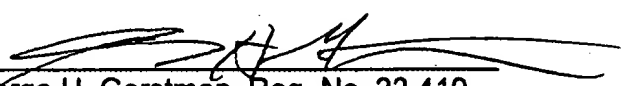
6. Additional time is needed for Dr. Weber, one of the inventors, to coordinate his schedule with Mr. Gerstman's schedule.

It is believed that a two month extension of time will enable counsel to prepare an appropriate response to the Office Action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1351.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: February 28, 2005


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